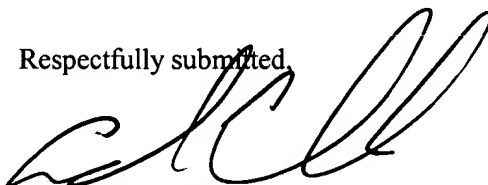


REMARKS

Claims 6-9, 11-15, and 44 are presently pending. Claim 44 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but was deemed to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 44 has been rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim. Therefore, no rejected or objected to claims remain in the application, and an early indication of allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the applicant's attorney at the number listed below if further assistance can be provided.

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